Panchayat Members—Chittur Taluk—Nomination of.

181. Mr. R. Viswanathan Chettiar *(Nemmara).*— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) are the Government aware that there are certain complaints in Chittur Taluk against the system of nominating Panchayat Members by the Panchayat Inspectors;

(b) is it not known to the Government that the Panchayat Inspectors are low paid officers?

Dr. A. R. Poduval *(Offg. Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—(a) No.

(b) Government do not think so.

Panchayat roads—Maintenance of—Expenditure regarding.

182. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*— Will the Government be pleased to state the total length of Panchayat Roads in the State and the total amount sanctioned in the budget for their maintenance for 1112 and the actual amount spent that year for maintenance?

Dr. A. R. Poduval *(Offg. Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—The total length of Panchayat roads in the State is 822 miles. The total amount sanctioned in the budget for their maintenance in 1112 was Rs. 38,418. The actual amount spent that year was Rs. 30,294—11—11.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—The expenditure for maintenance comes to nearly Rs. 25 per mile. May I know whether this is evenly distributed?

Dr. A. R. Poduval *(Offg. Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Since different roads have to be improved in different fashion the expenditure on the roads is not the same.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Do the Government think a road can be properly maintained with Rs. 25 per mile?

Mr. President.—Now they are maintaining it with that amount.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Are all the roads properly maintained?

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